of one end of runway towards riverside at Jammu, construction of new civil enclave at Jaisalmer, extension of runway and expansion/modification of terminal building at Khajuraho, extension of runway, river training work and construction of new terminal building for 100 passengers at Kullu, construction of technical block cum control tower at Lucknow, extension of terminal building at Srinagar, construction of new terminal building complex and associated works at Udaipur, construction of terminal building complex at Varanasi, construction of new terminal building complex for 500 passengers and fire station at Gaya.

Construction of a new civil enclave at Purnea, extension of apron and new link taxiway at Port Blair, construction of new domestic departure lounge, new fire station and M.T. Pool and new international cargo complex at Ahmedabad, strengthening/extension of runway and construction of new terminal building complex at Aurangabad, strengthening/extension of runway at Bhavnagar, Indore, Hyderabad, Madurai and Trichy, construction of new technical block cum control tower at Nagpur, expansion and modification of international terminal building at Calicut and construction of new terminal building, control tower and fire station at Agatti, construction of new runway and associated facilities at Mangalore and Vizag, extension of runway at Vijayawada and Silchar, construction of new terminal building for 400 passengers and extensions of runways and allied works at Dibrugarh, installation of Instrument Landing System (ILS) and removal of obstructions Dimapur, extension of runway for B-747 operations, allied works, provision of 2 aerobridges and construction of canopy at terminal building on city side at Guwahati and installation of ILS including acquisition of land at Lilabari.

(c) There is no plan to upgrade and modernise the airport at Ludhiana due to land constraints and obstructions around it, and insufficient traffic potential

Fire at Santa Cruz Airport, Mumbai

471. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA:

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a major fire broke out at Santa Cruz airport Mumbai recently;

(b) if so, the details of the damage done due to it;

(c) whether any enquiry has been ordered to investigate the cause;

(d) if so, by when the report will be submitted; and

(e) what steps have been taken to prevent such fire in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One computer, 3 nos. A/C Spilt Unit, some stationery items and records of Jet Airways Engineering Office were damaged. Other than above 9 nos. of window panel, partial false ceiling and some furniture of Airports Authority of India's Accounts Office were also damaged.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Committee constituted by Airport Director to investigate the fire incidents have concluded that the fire was caused due to short circuit in electrical cable.

(e) A Committee consisting of fire, electrical and civil engineering has been constituted to inspect the entire building so as to see that no fire safety norms are violated by any of the agencies occuping airport terminals.

Foreign equity in Domestic Airlines

472. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to allow the foreign airlines to pick up equity in the domestic sector and to go in for technical tie up with domestic airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any foreign company has expressed its intention to subscribe the equity in the domestic sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to lease out the international airports;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) whether Government propose to set up a regulatory authority and the creation of a civil aviation fund?